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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~29th July, 1960COCOM Document 4112COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONPROPOSED ITALIAN EXPORT OF BORON PRODUCTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA28th July, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3232, 4084 and 4100.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to the Memorandum (COCOM 4084) in which the Italian Delegation had re-submitted a proposal regarding the export of 500 tons of boric acid to Czechoslovakia. Further comments by the Italian Delegate had been recorded in COCOM 4100. He invited Delegates to express their Governments' views, and added that the TURKISH Delegation had already informed him that their authorities had no objection to this export.
2. The BELGIAN, DANISH, FRENCH, JAPANESE and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates stated that their Governments had no objection to this export. The CANADIAN Delegate said that he could give his Delegation's approval ad referendum.
3. The GERMAN Delegate said that his authorities had given this matter careful study. They had no objection to the export of up to 300 tons, on the understanding that, within the framework of their Trade Agreement with Czechoslovakia, Italy would receive deliveries of goods having corresponding boron contents.
4. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he had not received final instructions.
5. The ITALIAN Delegate thanked Delegations for their views. He hoped that the United States Delegate would shortly be able to state his Government's position. Referring to the reply given by the German Delegate, the Italian Delegate said that a fairly lengthy discussion would ensue if the idea of a quota on boron products, or for that matter any other exports, were to be reintroduced at this stage, reminding the Committee of List II, which had been abolished a long time ago. He recalled that in their Memorandum COCOM 3232 his Delegation had stated that deliveries would be spaced out and that only 100 tons would be despatched each month. He could not state when the first consignment would leave, but assumed that it would not be before the autumn. Thus, by the end of 1960, probably only 300 tons would have left Italy. In any case, therefore, the question of the delivery of the outstanding 200 tons was unlikely to arise until 1961, and would thus in effect constitute a different export. He asked the German Delegation if they could reconsider the question of the final 200 tons in the light of this explanation.
6. The GERMAN Delegate undertook to refer the matter back to his authorities for reconsideration.
7. In conclusion the CHAIRMAN asked the United States Delegate to inform the Italian Delegate of his Government's position as soon as possible, and also to notify the Secretariat.

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